

JOHNSON IN OFFICE

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somewhat barren but refurbished office.

IN PLACE OF the soft green sculptured rug with the presidential seal that used to cover the floor, there now is a brilliant scarlet rug, and the walls have been repainted bone white.

However, these changes were not made for Mr. Johnson. The White House said Mr. Kennedy personally selected the rug and the redecorating began the day he left on his ill-starred trip to Texas.

When Mr. Johnson moved in, most of the Kennedy touches were gone. The naval prints and ship models and the carved desk made from timbers of a British ship all have been removed.

This always is the way with a change of Presidents.

Yet the informal conference center at the north end of the oval room, in front of the fireplace, is much the same.

A FIRE IS laid, ready for a match.

Flanking the fireplace are two mahogany end tables with lamps. On one is a white telephone.

Two sofas upholstered in beige face each other across a circular coffee table. The table now is marble covered instead of walnut.

Then there is the rocker facing the fireplace.

A vase filled with red, white and blue flowers stood on the mantle and another occupied a small table to one side of the room.

The most imposing piece of furniture in the place is the new desk — at least twice as big as the Kennedy desk which occupied the same spot toward the rear-center.

THERE ALSO are such things as a silver scroll with a quill pen, a metal plaque from the American Heart Association — Mr. Johnson had a severe heart attack from which he recovered in 1955 — pictures of his two daughters, and a large book of maps.

On the bookshelves along the wall is a color picture of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Johnson. In another niche is a bronze bust of the late President Roosevelt, about 4 inches high.

Johnson Promises Support For UN and Peace Efforts

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — (AP) — President Lyndon B. Johnson affirmed the capacity of the United Nations to keep the peace and said

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LBJ May Halt South's GOP Shift, Patman Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A veteran Texas congressman said Tuesday that with President Lyndon Johnson heading the Democratic ticket in next year's elections the South should reverse its course toward the Republican fold.

Referring to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the assumption of the presidency by Mr. Johnson, Rep. Wright Patman, sixth ranking member of the House with 34 years service, said:

"THE TRAGIC events of the past week end have changed the picture completely. So far as Barry Goldwater is concerned, he's completely out. He was running in Texas and the South against Mr. Kennedy.

"There are some in the South who will fight Mr. Johnson on civil rights, but the two parties neutralize each other on that issue."

As for the Texas Democratic congressional delegation, which has been widely split between the liberal and conservative elements, there were prospects for a degree of harmony in the future.

Rep. Albert Thomas, D-Texas, who was honored at a dinner in

ed, there would be a public declaration of harmony and unity, said Thomas.

Until Thomas talked with the two Texas political leaders, there was a question whether Yarborough would attend the dinner even though he had announced he was buying a \$200-a-plate ticket for the party fund raising affair. After the peace talks, said Thomas, it was agreed that Yarborough would be called upon to speak at the dinner.

"I see no reason why this harmony can't continue," Thomas said. "I hope so."

JFK Tried To Prohibit Foreign Guns

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Legislation sponsored unsuccessfully by President Kennedy, when he was a senator might have prevented importation into the United States of the rifle that killed him.

On April 28, 1958, Sen. Kennedy introduced an amendment to